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MEMORANDUM TO: THE DIRECTOR

VIA: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. As a result of a visit I had today in the National Press Building with Bob Allen and Paul Scott, it was agreed:
 - (a) They will check with me prior to printing any information regarding CIA.
 - (b) If I can show that our Country will be injured by the publication, they will very likely not print the article. This does not mean that CIA is not a fair target for honest criticism, but they don't want to hurt America.
 - (c) Paul Scott will check with the source, who claims there are eight communists in the Agency, and will recommend that he, Scott, be authorized to furnish me with one name initially, so as to see what CIA does regarding this alleged Communist.
 - (d) They assured me, they are not running a campaign against the CIA, and they want to be helpful to the new Director because they believe he is a great improvement over his predecessor, who was disliked by Mr. Allen who claims Mr. Dulles was uncooperative and not an able intelligence chief. Allen had experience with Mr. Dulles when he was in G-2 with General Patton overseas, and he had a very low opinion of Mr. Dulles's abilities.
3. I told Allen and Scott that Tass had quoted from their column which certainly was a disservice to the Country. They said they had found nothing in the [redacted] to the effect, but had been told the same thing by Charles Bartlett of News Focus. They asked if I would send them a copy of what Tass said. I told them I would do that.
4. Scott said that he had seen some CIA estimates on East Germany, and in view of what has occurred in East Germany, they were very poor estimates. I explained to him that what he calls CIA estimates after being prepared in the office of National Estimates, they are passed upon by the United States Intelligence Board which represents the intelligence community, and any dissents are forwarded to the NSC with the original estimate. Scott remarked that the dissents are on the back of the paper, and when "the State Department" gets the estimate they are guided by the main body of the paper rather than by any dissent that will be in the back of the paper.

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I told him that I couldn't pass on State Department's reaction, but that they have a representative on the USIB, who was present when the estimate was under discussion by the entire Board.

5. I went back to the question of eight communists within the Agency stating that anyone, I don't care who it is, who knows of a single communist in CIA let alone eight should at once in the interest of the national security give us the names, and all the information that they have so that we may promptly investigate and take appropriate action. Mr. Scott said that he agreed, but he had no release from his informant. Mr. Scott said that he would ask his "most creditable source" to furnish one name, so it can be given to me, and they will then see what action CIA takes. He said that he felt sure that Mr. McCone would take prompt and adequate action.

6. Scott asked if I had read General Smith's testimony in Executive Session regarding communist penetration of the Agency. I said I had not. He said he had, and he believes it will be made public one day, because General Smith did state that the Agency had been penetrated. I told him that this was news to me. I do recall General Smith's testimony at a public hearing wherein he intended to say that CIA operates like other intelligence agencies under the assumption that it has been penetrated. Allen said that he agreed with that statement that that is how intelligence agencies should operate.

7. I told Scott that I had heard he was sitting on three stories:

- (a) the names of 12 communists within CIA
- (b) that CIA spent funds in an attempt to defeat a Congressman
- (c) that CIA recently financed the trip of [redacted] to [redacted]

Scott replied that he had told Charles Bartlett (he mentioned the name I didn't) that he had been told there are eight communists in the Agency. He said that he didn't tell Bartlett that CIA spent funds in the attempt to defeat a Congressman, but that what he said was that the CIA tried to influence the outcome of the congressional election. He said that he did not say that the CIA financed the recent trip of [redacted]

[redacted] He declared that what he said was that two foundations had financed [redacted] recent trip to [redacted] and that one of these foundations received contributions from the CIA. Bob Allen interrupted to say that these three items had never been mentioned to him by Scott, and he further stated that he writes four columns a week while Scott writes but one column.

8. Charles Bartlett later today told me that Scott definitely told him there were twelve communists within the Agency, and CIA had financed [redacted] and that CIA had furnished funds

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to defeat a congressional candidate. I discussed this defeat business with John Warner, Legislative Liaison. He is of the opinion that Scott is

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Mr. Scott declined to identify the Congressional candidate he referred to.

9. I asked Scott what he thought Congressman Bruce Alger of Texas meant when the AP quoted him as saying, "Lines of communication for the Central Intelligence Agency are infiltrated heavily with Communists." Mr. Scott said that he believed that Congressman Alger was referring to the NSA as the line of communication that is infiltrated.

10. I stated that there have been times when disgruntled employees of the Agency have gone to local newspapermen with complaints about the Agency, and I am usually called on the phone regarding these things, and can furnish enough information to show that these charges are unjustifiable. As a result, the Agency doesn't get publicity it doesn't deserve. Allen stated that not one disgruntled employee of CIA has ever given them any information. Scott collaborated this. Allen further said that the CIA is perhaps the only Government Agency whose employees have not gotten in touch with them. He said that his closest friend is General Oscar ^{KOCH} Cox, who was in the War Department, General Staff (G-2) with me when Allen was commissioned, and that he knows some ten or twelve other people within the Agency, but he, Allen, purposely avoids asking them anything concerning the CIA.

11. Scott contributed a statement to the effect a U.S. Senator recently returned from Latin America said the communists are paying a few hundred dollars to newspapermen in the Caribbean area, and getting good results from the paid press. He said the Senator asked him, "Why doesn't our CIA do the same thing?" I asked him to give me the Senator's name, so we could have a talk with him, but he said he couldn't reveal his source. Scott regularly covers Senate Hearings and devotes most of his time to people on the Hill, and I guess that his sources are congressional.

12. I told Allen and Scott we would be pleased to have them come over at any time and discuss any problem they may have on CIA, and later I will try to get an appointment so they can meet the DCI.

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